



TALK IT OVER

DON'T QUIT ON SIX! | PASTOR TROY STEIN

KEY SCRIPTURES

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For, "In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay."

Hebrews 10:35-37 NIV

Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. But the LORD said to Joshua, "I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram's horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams' horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town."

Joshua 6:1-5 NLT

But Joshua had commanded the army, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!" So he had the ark of the LORD carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there. So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

Joshua 6:10-11, 14 NIV

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9 NIV

START TALKING

As a kid, did you ever give up on a sport, hobby, or musical instrument? If so, what was it, and do you wish you had stuck with it? (Please share)

START THINKING

One reason we give up is because our perspective is limited. Have you ever found out God was at work in a situation even though you couldn't see it at the time? What happened?

- Is there an area of your life where you're trying to persevere, even though it isn't always easy? Talk about it with your group.

Another reason we give up is because our progress isn't always obvious. Can you think of a time in your life when a lack of visible progress made moving forward difficult? What was that experience like?

- What are some ways you can lean on God and others when you feel like quitting something good?

START PRAYING

Father, thank You for Your Son. In Him, we find the best example of how to persevere in life, even in the face of hardships and struggles. Help us to rely on You and our relationships with others when we feel like quitting. In Jesus' powerful Name, Amen.

START DOING

This week, if you are trying to persevere, take time to remember why you started. Write God a status update letter (as if He doesn't already know what's going on in this area of your life).